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1. As part of the over-all analysis of national security programs now in process, the Director for Mutual Security submitted to NSC on 18 March an analysis of the effect on his operations if total appropriations therefore were reduced to a level of \$5.5 billions in FY 1954 and \$4 billions in FY 1955. This analysis was noted by the Council and will be used, together with similar reports, as a basis for setting the over-all ceilings, probably about 10 April.

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4. Could we have your views by Monday, 30 March, at the latest?

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